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Education

Ph.D. Candidate in Political Science

Expected 2026

Princeton University, Princeton, NJ

- Fellow, Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies
- Exam Fields: Comparative Politics, Middle East Studies, Formal & Quantitative Methods
- Incidental M.A. awarded Summer 2022

Master of Arts in International Relations

June 2019

University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

- Graduated with Honors — Thesis Advisor: Susan Stokes

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

May 2018

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

- Summa cum Laude, Honors Program — Minor in Philosophy
- Phi Beta Kappa, Benjamin Franklin Scholar — Dean's List (2014-2018)
- Robert Holtz Memorial Prize: Best overall political science major in graduating class

Research & Publications

Dissertation: *Fellahin into Frenchmen: Social Control and Educational Supply in the Postcolonial Maghreb*

Committee: Amaney Jamal (Chair), Elizabeth Nugent, Mark Beissinger

Published Research:

- “Secularization in the Minaret’s Shadow: Group Identity and Religious Identity in the Contemporary MENA region” (with Hussein E. Ceyhun). *Mediterranean Politics*, 2025.

Working Papers:

- “Rebellion and Educational Supply after Colonial Rule: Secondary Education and Civic Licensing in Postcolonial Tunisia” (Job Market Paper)
- “Anatomy of Religious Infrastructure in Authoritarian Regimes” (with Gordon Arsenoff, Amaney Jamal, Elizabeth Nugent, Hussein E. Ceyhun)

Works in Preparation:

- “Military Recruitment and Subsequent Mobilization: Evidence from Algeria and the Raj” (with Shourya Sen)
- “Cross-Border Militancy and Postcolonial Development: FLN Militancy and Development in Tunisia”
- “Internationalization and Contentious Politics: Late Colonial Mobilization and International Diplomacy”
- “Competing at the Root: How Local-Level Associational Competition Fuels Politics in Hybrid Regimes” (with Hussein E. Ceyhun)

Grants & Awards

Research Funding (Total: \$35,650)

- Princeton Multicenter Grant (2025): \$15,000 for field research and survey experiment in Tunisia
- Mamdouha S. Bobst Center Graduate Dissertation Grant (2023-2024): \$11,000 for spatial database research
- Princeton Institute for International & Regional Studies (2022-2024): \$7,650 for field research in Tunisia, Morocco, and France
- Mamdouha S. Bobst Center Discretionary Research Grant (2022): \$2,000 for archival research
- Penn Democracy, Citizenship & Constitutionalism Fellowship (2015-2016): \$4,000 for Egypt research project

Teaching Experience

Associate Instructor & Head Preceptor

Princeton University

- Pol 379: Politics of Southeast Asia (Spring 2025) - Professor Nicholas Kuipers
- Pol 230: Introduction to Comparative Politics (Spring 2023) - Professor Andreas Wiedemann
- Pol 366: African Politics, 3 sections (Fall 2022) - Professor Jennifer Widner
- **Average instructor rating: 4.54/5**

Conference Presentations & Workshops

- American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting (2022, 2025)
- Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting (2018, 2019)
- Association for Analytical Learning about Islam and Muslim Societies (2025)
- Princeton Comparative Politics Workshop (2021-2024)
- Princeton Workshop on Arab Political Development (2023, 2024)
- Comparative Politics Colloquium, Bogazici University, Istanbul (2021)

Research Experience

Archival Research:

- Archives Nationales D’Outre-Mer, Aix-en-Provence, France (2022, 2025)
- Archives Diplomatiques Centre de Nantes, France (2023, 2025)
- Service Historique de la Défense, Paris, France (2025)
- National Archives of Tunisia & Institut Supérieur de l’Histoire, Tunis (2024)
- National Archives and Records Administration, College Park, MD (2022)

Field Research:

- Tunisia-Morocco (2024) — Kairouan, Tunisia (2022) — Cairo, Egypt (2015)
- Lived in Cairo: 2009-2014

Research Assistant Positions:

- Professor Susan Stokes, University of Chicago (2020)

- Professor Monika Nalepa, University of Chicago (2019-2020)
- Professor Beth Simmons, University of Pennsylvania (2017-2018)
- Professor Devesh Kapur, University of Pennsylvania (2016-2017)

Other Professional Experience

Research Intern

Human Rights Watch, MENA Division — New York, NY

2017

Skills & Qualifications

Languages:

- Arabic: Native (Egyptian dialect), Working proficiency (Modern Standard Arabic, Tunisian dialect)
- French: Professional fluency (reading), Working proficiency (interviews)

Technical Skills: R, LaTeX, GitHub, ArcGIS, ArcMap, STATA, Tableau, HTML, Web Design

Professional Affiliations: Junior Fellow (AALIMS), Member (American Political Science Association)

References

Amaney Jamal — Dissertation Chair

Edwards S. Sanford Professor of Politics, Princeton University

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Mark Beissinger — Advisor

Henry W. Putnam Professor of Politics, Princeton University

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Elizabeth Nugent — Advisor

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